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ALEXANDRIA:

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News of the Day.

"To show the very age and body of the TIMES.

The New Orleans Commercial Bulletin is informed upon reliable authority, that the gap in the Mississippi Central Railroad, (by which the transportation of the Southern mail is much delayed,) "will be filled by the 1st of January next, when the distance between New Orleans and New York will be accomplished in three days and a half." The citizens of New Orleans are apprehen sive that this mail may be transferred to the Fernandina route across Florida, and have addressed the Postmaster General on the

The vicinity of Easton, Md., was visited with a heavy thunder storm, on Thursday last, and a fine shower of rain. During the storm a barn belonging to Mr. Joseph R. Price was struck by lightning, and with its contents entirely destroyed. The fire from the barn communicated to the surrounding out-buildings and stack yard, and all were soon in ashes. Over a thousand bushels of wheat were destroyed. The entire loss, though not exactly estimated, is known to be very great.

Mr. E. Meriam, of Brooklyn, states that he has kept a record of deaths, injuries, and conflagrations, resulting from the use of camphene and other burning fluids used for the purpose of illumination, since July 22. Since that date he has recorded the deaths of three hundred and seventy persons, and the injuries of four hundred and seventy-seven persons, many of the latter of whom the accounts stated were not expected to survive the injuries they received. losses by fire from the fluids he estimated at upwards of one million of dollars.

The auditor of the Post Office Depart ment, in response to inquiries, has notified a judgment creditor of a mail contractor in the West, who recently attached the funds placed by the Department in a postmaster's hands to pay said contractor, that, under the decisions of the United States Supreme Court, the pay of an officer or employee of the general government, can in no case be legally attached, even when in the hands of a third party, before being paid over.

In a recent publication of the railroads of the United States, it is stated that there falls due up to 1890, or in thirty years, \$411,199,-702 of railroad bonds; of this \$97,430,000 is already delinquent on the interest. \$9,-163,173 falls due this year, including the \$4,000,000 Erie bonds. Next year, \$21,-282,876 falls due; Illinois Freeland, \$3,000,-000; Hudson River, \$2,000,000; Reading. \$3,500,000; the Michigan Roads, \$2,500,000.

The Louisville Journal states that John Young Brown, esq., member of Congress elect from the Fifth District of Kentucky. will not be qualified by age to take his seat at the first session of the present Congress. The Constitution prescribes that no person can be a member of the House of Representatives who is under twenty-five years of age. Mr. Brown was elected over a Democratic competitor.

Mr. Hilliard, in a letter from Liverpool to the Boston Courier, states that in the examination of travellers' luggage by the officers of customs, American reprints of English books are absolutely excluded; they are taken away and destroyed. Thackeray was in this way deprived of his copies of the Appletons' reprints of his own works.

We learn from the Eastern States that the drought is very severely felt. In the western part of Maine, no rain has fallen for six weeks. Vegetation must, of course, suffer visibly, and unless there is rain soon, diminished crops will be the result. The hay crop is, however, an exception. Potatoes, too, are

The great cricket match between Canada and the States has resulted in favor of the United States, with four crickets to go down. Two years ago the Canadians beat the Americans badly, but brother Jonathan was nothing daunted, and he this year brought his champions to their work in better plight. A large number of ladies witnessed the sport.

The New York Post says :- "On the authority of a private letter which arrived by the steamer Persia, from an intimate personal friend of the novelist, we are glad to announce that Charles Dickens will visit this country during the ensuing autumn, and give the readings from his own works that have been so successful in England."

A large new distillery, owned by Messrs. Krepps & Worthington, at the west end of Bridgeport, near Uniontown, Pa., was entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday night The building contained over \$2,500 worth of whiskey, which was likewise destroved.

The Patapsco Enterprise states that Messrs. Brooks & Coates have rented for two years. from 1st July last, of Messrs. Manning & Mills, and that they have a demand for nails which will require the works to turn out 60,000 kegs the first year.

The result of the Congressional elections in Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina, leaves no doubt of the fact that the Democratic party will be in a minority in the next House of Representatives. The Southern "opposition" will probably hold the

balance of power. There is a general complaint with the through passengers on the Southside and Virginia and Tennessee Railroads, at not being allowed an opportunity to get dinner

at any point on the line between Richmond and Petersburg and Bristol. The sessions of the American Scientific Association, at Springfield, are every day developing something of interest and novelty to the unlearned listeners, as well as to

the scientific and learned portion of their H. Clay, a brother of the late Congress man, James B. Clay, and son of Henry Clay, is elected to the State Senate from

Fayette county, Kentucky, on the Opposition ticket. The Louisville papers record the death of Capt. Keating, who served in the Mexican war. | close reefed topsails.

A writer in the Savannah Republican closes a long article on the proposed revival of the slave trade, as follows :-

"In conclusion, allow me to assure the friends of law and humanity throughout the country, that a countless majority of the people of Georgia are opposed to all attempts at re-opening the African slave trade. The history of the late Wanderer case fully proves the truth of this assertion. Under the ban of public opinion, the poor fugitives, in small parties, have been spirited about in secret rom place to place, without finding purchasers, until, by the last reports, almost all had been carried beyond the confines of our State. No one knows who their owners are, neither do they dare to expose them for sale openly."

The subject of "poisoned cheese" has been investigated by physicians and chemists at the North. The mystery is not yet solved. In the sixth London edition of Taylor's Medical Jurisprudence, published in 1858, (page 157,) is the following: -"Cheese has frequently given rise to symptoms of poisoning in Germany, but there is, I believe, no instance of its having proved fatal in England. The symptoms produced by the cheese have been those of irritant poisoning. The nature of the poison is unknown. In some cases the irritant property is undoubtedly due to the putrefied state of the curd. Again, from certain vegetables on which the cows

A correspondent of the London Times, writing from Milan, says that when the news of the peace came he saw a young French officer at the Cafe del Europa, draw his sword after reading the bulletin and break it against a marble table at which he sat. He heard others who related the insulting words with which they had been assailed by the populace, sympathising with the feeling which had dictated those words, and only pleading their inposence of the transactions of their Sovereign. The revulsion was so sudden and blasting to the Italians, that in one day five persons were carried to the mad-house, raving maniacs,

The Richmond Enquirer says, with reference to the recently published letter purpor- dy vaults of the London Docks, by which ting to be from Gov. Wise, in relation to New York politics, that "if it is not a forgery, it is something worse." It also seems to think, that if "bemp had its due, some heels ought to kick in the air." According to the newspapers and let ers, the letter has raised a great hubbub among the New York politicians, and has greatly strengthened Douglas. We shall see.

The position of Bristol, on the State line, is seriously recommended by the Abingdon Democrat, to the attention of all belligerent gentlemen, especially those from Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, who have "affairs of honor" to settle. It is said to be admirably located for the purpose, and that parties there would be little liable to molestation! Those interested can take notice.

The work of erecting a Hotel and Cottages, is going on at POINT LOOK-OUT, in St. Mary's County, Md., at the mouth of the Potomac. The main building of the Hotel is finished. and one hundred and nine neat cottages are already erected. The work has been done. in ninety days, by Mr. Allen, of Baltimore. This new watering place is to be opened next summer.

"A Banker" writing in the New York Courier states that this country owes Europe, on various accounts, not less than four hundred and forty millions of dollars!!-This is not a mere conjecture of the writer. but he gives the figures, for the respective States and Railroad corporations; and they have the marks of being genuine and authentie.

Visitors to the Virginia Springs, in Rockbridge, Bath, Greenbrier, &c., report that there are fewer persons, at those watering places, this season, than usual. The tide of travel seems to have turned again to the

A small American steamer has been seized by Chinese pirates, in the China Sea, and robbed. The steamer was owned by Mr. James Endicott, a wealthy American.

Mr. Wise, the balloon man, declares that so defective, that but meagre results can be

through his Italian organ, "Pensiero El Azione." July 20, in bitter imprecations against the Peace. Two boys in New York, last week, found

\$6,400 in counterfeit bills of the Oneida County Bank, concealed in a cellar.

Hon. Jefferson Davis is reported much better.

# Singular Case.

[Correspondence of the Charleston Courier.] NEW ORLEANS, July 29 .- The Attorney of the State Bank of this city, one of our oldest and soundest institutions, has just entered for probate a will of rather an odd character. A wealthy planter in Mississippi, who had lived for years with a woman of olor, and had children by her, died a short time ago, leaving his large fortune to these children, provided the Mississippi laws did not prevent it; and if they did, the property was to go to the Bank I have mentioned. The planter has brothers and sisters, and he must have known very well that the laws of Mississippi would not allow his semi-white children to inherit his estate. The inevitability of its passing to the Bank shows a spiteful determination on the testator's part, that his sisters and brothers should not en-Co., the extensive nail works at Ellicott's joy a dime of his money. This is a worse case than that of the Thorndike will; for in this instance the testator had no acquaintance with the institution he left his property to: he had never transacted any business with it, and was unknown to its officers. It is to be hoped that the Bank will, liberally and justly return the property to its rightful

# Storm on the Coast.

Capt. Congdon, of the Caroline Tucker, from Callao, arrived at New York, reports: August 3, was off Barnegat in seventeen fathoms water; stood up along the land about a north course; was off the Highlands on the P. M. of the 4th in eighteen fathoms water, and not having a pilot was obliged to haul off. S. S. E. at 7 P. M. very heavy thunder squalls coming off the land; during the night had continued heavy thunder, with most vivid flashes of lightning over the whole heavens. The mast heads and the ends of the skysail and royal yards were covered with false lights or balls of fire about the size of a small globe lantern; the air being filled apparently with electric fluid, which ignites probably as it comes in contact with hodies. Capt. C. says that night caused him more anxiety than any night off Cape Horn. The thunder, lightning, deluge of rain and gusts of wind were at times appalling. The ship was under three

## Arrival of the Nova Scotian. FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

Quebec. August 7 .- The steamer Nova Scotian from Liverpool, with dates to the 27th ult., passed Farther Point this morning, and from thence we have the following abstract of her advices, per telegraph. The general features of the news were un-

England demands a general disarmament as a condition of her taking part in the proposed European Congress.

It was reported that Count Walewski had submitted a plan for the confederation of Italy. It consists of seven States, the Presidency of which is to be given nominally to the Pope, but really to the Kings of Sardinia and Naples alternately. The strong places to be garrisoned by the Federal troops are Geta, Mantua and Piacenza. The votes in the Federal Diet are to be distributed as follows:--Parma 1; Modena 1; the Pope 2; Tuseany 2; Sardinia 3; and Naples 3.

In the British House of Lords, Lord Lyndhurst defended himself from the charge of Mr. Bright on account of the warning voice he had raised, and asked if the Admiralty were aware that the French were arming a fleet with rifled cannon.

The Duke of Somerset replied in the affirmative; and said that although England had improved cannon in process of manufacturing, they would not be ready for some

In the House of Commons Sir De Lacy Evans moved for the appointment of a commission to enquire into the national defences and to report what improvements are possi ble. The Government assented to the sub stance of the resolution, but could not assent to the motion to appoint a committee to enquire what permanent fortifications were necessary for the defence of the dock yards and arsenals. Mr. Evans's resolution was then negatived.

A fire at Liverpool had destroyed the extensive north shore flour and rice works .-Four lives were lost and many persons injured during the fire. The loss was estimated at from fifty to sixty thousand pounds sterling, including much grain. A fire had also occured in one of the bran-

several lives were lost and much damage THE LATEST NEWS .- - LONDON, Wednesday.

The News city article quotes the funds as having opened on Tuesday with increased firmness at a fresh advance of 1. The Moniteur's article taking exception to

the military and naval expenditures of England caused a fall of 1 in the funds. The demand for money has been steady and leading discount houses are less inclined to take the best bills below 21 per cent.

M. De Ambrois, a very enlightened man, has been named as the Sardinian plenipotentiary to the conference at Zurich. Austria refuses to meet any Sardinian representatives but will leave it open to Sardinia - country independent.

to accede to the treaty after its conclusion by

Austria and France. The Duke of Tuscany has expressed a willingness to abdicate in favor of his son, who promises a Constitution, but the Tuscans object altogether to the dynasty.

The steamer North American arrived at iverpool on Wednesday morning. It was said that the Emperor Napoleon would make his entry into Paris at the head of the army of Italy on the 14th of August. The London Herald says that the Grand

Duke Constantine, of Russia, will soon visit England. The fire at the London dock yard only de-

stroyed fifty casks of brandy, and no lives were lost as at first stated. The Times says another large French loan

will be wanted soon. recent article is in many respects deceptive, and it urges the immediate arming of the

navy with the Armstrong gun. The Duke D'Malakoff has been appointed Grand Chancellor of the Legion of Honor, It was reported that about 200,000 men would be discharged from the French army on a reasonable furlough, the advantage being that the Government would have them still on hand, while their cost would be

diverted to other purposes. The wine accounts from France are unfavorable, the grapes having been injured by excessive heat. Prices were tending upward. The Moniteur de la Flotte, a Government organ, says that Denmark has ceded the Island of St. Thomas to the United States. The Paris Bourse closed flat at 67 frs.-

10 ets. SARDINIA .- The Le Nord says that one of the first acts of the new Ministry will be to put an end to the present Dictatorship, by an electoral bill applicable to Lombardy. A dissolution the present system of constructing balloons is | will then take place in order to effect in the new Chambers a complete fusion of Piedmont and Lombardy. The King will preside in Parliament, which will sit alternate years in Mazzini, as might be expected, writes Turin and Milan.

The Turin journals say the army is to be reinforced by recruitments from Lombardy. It is to be raised to 200,000 men. General Garabaldi had a confidential in-

terview with Marmora at Brescia on the 15th. It was stated that he had an army of twelve thousand men which continued to increase. He expressed confidence in the King of Sardinia's not forsaking the national cause. A Milan letter to the Times says

that Garibaldi was about to move to the Appenines and there be occupied in gathering fifty thousand volunteers in Romagna, Garibaldi's corps added to that of Mezzocabo will form an army capable of securing the independence of Central Italy, at least against any Roman or Neapolitan force.

It was rumored that the Duke of Modena had proposed to arm four thousand Austrian troops to enable him to enter his States. It was also run ed that a division of the French army would enter Parma and Tuscany, and another corps the Ko man legations for the purpose of simply preserving order and allowing a free expression of public

The municipality of Florence had formally expressed a desire for annexation to an Italian kingdom under Victor Emmanuel, or that Tuscauy be governed by a Prince of the House of Savoy.

The Pontifical government has issued a circular omplaining bitterly of the action of Victor Emmanuel, asking the assistance and protection of foreign governments in vindication of the rights of the Pope

great number of addresses were being signed in Romagna against the return of Ecclesiastical Government and in favor of a union with Sardinia. It was stated that the principle of the proposed Italian Confederation had been accepted by the Pope, a majority of the Cardinals having voted in MARKETS .- LIVERPOOL MARKETS .- Cottonsales of the past three days 23,000 bales. The

market generally closes steady, and in some cases prices have advanced id. The sales to speculators were 3,000 bales, and the same amount was taken for export. Manchester advices are favorable. The market generally closed active and prices have considera-

bly advanced.

Breadstuffs.—The market generally closed with an advancing tendency. Flour is dull at 10s.(a. 12s., but holders demand an advance. Wheat 7s. 6d. (a.9s. for red and 9s. (a.9s. 6d. for white. Corn tending downward-yellow 5. 10d.(atis.

white 7s. @7s 9d. The weather had been favora

ble for the crops.

Drawisions.—The market generally has a declining tendency. Beef is heavy and quotations nominal. Pork is heavy and nominal. Bacon is dull. Lard is quiet.

Produce.—Rosin closed steady. Torpentine Spirits are heavy, and all qualities have slightly

declined. LONDON MARKETS - Wheat closes with an advancing tendency. Prices are 2s, higher P quarter. Sugar closed firm. Coffee is firm. Rice is firm and all qualities have slightly advanced. Money Marker.—The market is generally un changed. American securities are dull. Consols 95.

Dr. John S. Crockett, a well-known physician of New Orleans, died on the 30th ult. | Savannah, Ga., died suddenly on the 1st inst. | barley also is liable to a similar catastrophe.'

From California, &c.

NEW ORLEANS, August 5 .- From a careful review of the San Francisco journals, via Tehauntepec, we glean the following items, not contained in the advices by the

overland mail. The Alta California represents the miners as doing finely, and the products appear equal to the palmiest days of the Golden State. The new process of extracting the gold from quartz had been found to work admirably, and machinery suitable for the purpose was being erected all over the State.

From the southern portion of the State accounts had been received of the discovery of saltpetre beds, the yield from which it was believed would be very heavy.

The Herald represents the trade of the ity as extremely depressed, and many arti- tie vote. les from Atlantic ports were being sold at

ess than the invoice. The demand for money was not large, but the market was nevertheless stringent, and on prime paper as high as 2k per cent. per month had been paid.

Theatricals were quite dull. The crops throughout the State were doing the yield of breadstuffs particu-

larly would be heavy. Among the clearances for Atlantic ports revious to the 20th, were the Southern Eagle for Boston, and the Hornet and Sultan for New York.

Col. Garrison, of the opposition line of steamers, had left San Francisco, en route for New York

The only item of interest from Oregon is an apprehended renewal of difficulties beween the Whites and Indians in the southern part of the State. Indeed the menaces of the red men had become so alarming that the government had been compelled to ask for more troops to defend the lives and property of the people.

From the Sandwich islands and Washington Territory, the intelligence is not impor-

From Tehuantepec. New ORLEANS, August 5 .- The Picayune has letters from Minatitlan, dated the 2nd, which contain the intelligence that all property of the Transit company was being seized for debts due the Mexicans, and that several cases were already up before the courts. The chief engineer of the company, Felton, with a number of employees of the road, had fled from the country for fear of being thrown into prison. They came passengers on the Habano, which arrived here to-day. It is not known as yet how the matter will end.

By the same arrival we have dates from Vera Cruz to the 27th ult. The lower portion of Upper California having declared its independence, the Mexican residents of the upper part had guarantied to Juarez that they would overthrow the new government, providing he would execute a treaty with them, granting new and extensive privileges .-Should he refuse to do this, they (the Mexicaus) would also declare their portion of the

Miramon was now leaning on the side of the clergy, and apparently favoring their

Mr. Johnson had been recognized by the existing government as U. S. Consul for the port of Tobasco.

A conspiracy is reported to have been discovered among a number of the confidential officers of Miramon, but its extent or probable result is not mentioned.

## From Mexico.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 6.-Vera Cruz dates to the 28th and from the City of Mexico to the 19th ult., are furnished.

Miramon had issued a manifesto promising to protect the clergy in the possession of their power and wealth, favoring a dictatorial government, and declaring it to be the traditional policy of Mexico to guard the influence of the United States.

Minister McLane had sent only the skeleton of a treaty to Washington, and it had no

signatures affixed. The Tehuantepec Steamship Company have suffered much annoyance from the authorities, and it is probable that they will soon temporarily suspend the carriage of the Gen. Zuazua was approaching San Luis

Potosi with 5,000 men. Miramon's troops were concentrating at Resserator. It is reported that a grand move-

# Relations with Mexico.

Washington, August 7.-Much speculation is indulged just now as to the action of our government on Mr. McLane's recent dispatches, but as this has been kept prooundly secret, nothing is known outside the administration, except the fact that instructions are already on the way to our minister, by a special messenger.

By advices just received here it appears that President Juarez declines signing a treaty without the approval of the Mexican Congress, and one cannot be called until the liberals obtain possession of the city of Mexico. This, however, is not the only difficulty. A conspiracy was discovered at the capital or the 11th ult., the plan which was to assassinate the Governor and take possession of the government.

# Extraordinary Passage.

The schooner Brontes, Captain Powers, arrived at New York on Friday, from Sierra Leone, having been navigated nearly the entire passage by the captain and one hand! The B. left the coast on the 27th of June, with a crew composed of five white men and one colored, and on the first day out, all hands on board, excepting the colored man, were taken with the fever, and by the 2nd instant four died of the disease. Captain Powers (who continued so sick that upon his arrival he had to be sent home immediately,) and the colored man, were the only ones capable of working from the first appearance of the disease on board, with an occasional assistance at the wheel of the remaining sailor, who had to be placed in a chair to steer.

The Late New York Railroad Accident. We rejoice to learn that the coroner's jury the have had the Schaghticoke massacre under consideration at Albany, have rendered a verdict which means something. They say that the bridge where the slaughter ok place was "rotten, un-afe, and known to be so;" and that the superintendent and directors should be held responsible; in other words, that they should suffer the penalty of the law. It is now for the District Attorney within whose jurisdiction this case of homicide falls, to act at once on the verdict, and bring the matter before a grand jury, with a view to the indictment of the parties pointed out as in fault. Experience has proved that civil remedies are no remedies at all; let us see what good can come of a criminal proceeding .- N. Y. Tribinue.

A CARD. - A quizzical friend sends the following for publication. The home stroke istoo good to be lost; TO HOTEL KEEPERS, AT WATERING PLACES

Gentlemen:-Please inform me, in your regular advertisement, 1st. Whether you have a bedstead in your ouse long enough for me.

"2d. Whether you have hair mattrasses, or mattrasses made of goose-quills? 3rd. Whether you have substituted a clock James R. Rich. "6 feet 24 inches." for the Chinese gong?

leave Venice, it is said, and locate in Virginia.

KENTUCKY .- LOUISVILLE, August 7 .- The following Congressmen are known to have been elected: In the 3rd district, Mr. Bristen, opposition; in the 6th, Mr. Adams, op-position, the latter a gain; in the 7th, Mr. Mallory, opposition, and in the 9th, L. T. Moore, opposition, a gain. The 4th district tricts, the 1st, 2d, 5th, 8th, and 10th, demo-

crats have been elected. The Legislature shows on joint ballot about 30 democratic majority.

The democratic candidates for Governormal control of the control of the

and State officers are all elected by from 7,000 to 10 000 majority. LOUISVILLE, Aug. 7, p. m .- Official returns

from the 6th Congressional district show a NORTH CAROLINA. PETERSBURG, Aug. 6.

The majority for Smith, opposition, in the

In the 4th (Raleigh) district, Mr. Branch, dem., has a majority of 679 over Saunders,

independent democrat. In the 6th district, it was thought that Mr. Scales, dem., had been beaten by Mr. Leach, which, if correct, is an opposition gain. In the 7th district, Mr. Craige, dem., has been re-elected.

In the 5th district, Mr. Gilmer, opposition, has been re-elected by an increased majority

Nothing has been received from the 2d, 3d, and 8th districts. TENNESSEE. - NASHVILLE, August 7.-Harris, the democratic candidate for Gover-

The opposition have elected Congressmen in the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and 8th districts, and probably in the 1st district also, which would a gain of three members.

The democrats have elected members from the 6th, 7th, and 10th districts. The 9th district is still doubtful.

## The Legislature is democratic.

Terrible Affair in the Ohio Penitentiary Two Mex Shor .- A most unfortunate tragedy was enacted at the Ohio Penitentiary vesterday afternoon, in which one man was mortally wounded and another completely riddled with buck-shot. It seems the government of the penitentiary has been tware for some time of a concerted intention on the part of convicts working on the addition, to escape by a rush, and consequently the guards have been unusually watchful. Testerday two of the convicts, named W. R. Shade alias Richard Dort, sent from Summit county, July 5, for grand larceny, for one year, and John Sweeney, from Erie county, or burglary and larceny, sentenced March 14 for one year, working on the north side, took advantage of an apparent remissues and made a rush for a cornfield near by .-But half a score of watchful eyes were upon them, and the guards knowing that as soon as they started in pursuit there would be a general stampede of the whole party, raised their pieces, loaded with buck-shot, and sent a volley after the fugitives, which brought the striped gentlemen to the ground covered with wounds. They were picked up and conveyed to the hospital, when Dr. Hamilton, prison physician, made examination, and found that Shade had a shot in each leg, and one through the back, the ball lodging just behind his heart. Dr. II. thinks him mortally wounded. Sweeney was shot in the legs, and through his neck, the ball making a ragged ghastly wound, just missing the jugular. Although suffering greatly Sweeney is not so seriously hurt as his omrade, and will probably recover. Doubtless, this prompt action on the part of the guards, nipped in the bud a concocted plan, by which fifty men hoped to escape from

## their bondage. - Ohio State Journal, 4th. Telegraphic Despatches

CAPE ISLAND, Aug. 6 .- The Mayor and City Council of Cincinnati, arrived here this evening, and are quartered at Houston's nited States Hotel. The bathing is splendid, and the hotels are pretty full. A great many Baltimoreans have been here this scason, and there are a goodly number still

here, with others coming and going daily. Boston, Aug. 6.—The book trade sale was renewed this morning, with the usual number of buyers. The bidding was very live The trade had an excursion down the harbor yesterday. Several speeches were made during the trip. Mr. Pratt spoke on behalf of Baltimore.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 6.—The Cincinnati and Memphis packet Kate May, struck a snag last night 18 miles below this city, and sunk in six feet water. Her freight is badly damaged. The boat may possibly be raised She was valued at \$15,000, and is fully in

THOROLD, (C. W.,) Aug. 6. -Two flouring mills were burnt in this village, last night ogether with the Ningara and Thorold Hoseven dwelling houses, several stables, Ac. The total loss is about \$40,000. The

mills were partially insured. NIAGARA FALLS, Aug. 5 .- Last night in this village, a German named Henry Hammer, shot an Irishman by the name of Bart-

ett Byron, killing him instantly. MONTREAL, Aug. 6 .- The North Britain sailed from Quebec, for Liverpool, at 9.40 this morning. She takes out 31 cabin and 22 steerage passengers.

### Explosion of a Steam Boiler. THREE MEN WOUNDED .- A disastrous

steam-boiler explosion occurred on Friday. at the paper mill of Mr. Van Liew, as Bloomfield, N. J. A letter says: "The boiler was situated under a shed ex

erior to the main building. Not only wa

the shed entirely destroyed, but the mill it self will need to be entirely rebuilt. Its timbers are broken, and the building, which s of wood, leans toward and overhangs the place the boiler occupied. It is impossible o tell as yet what was the cause of the explosion. Only a week since the boiler was thoroughly overhauled, and, as was supposed, was put in complete repair. A piec of it six feet in length was burled a distance of about 100 feet into an adjoining lot, while the governor of the engine was thrown about 40 rods, and buried in the ground three feet. Thomas Brown, a colord man, driver of the team which was employed to do the carting of the mill, was eriously, and it is feared, tatally injured. Lawrence Kennedy, the fireman, who was at his station, was caught beneath the falline timbers. The lower part of his body was entirely buried beneath large beams, and he was extricated with the greatest difficulty. His legs were badly crushed, though it is supposed amputation will not be necessary. A brother of Kennedy, who was visiting him, and who happened to be in another part of the mill, was injured. His left arm was broken."

### Wheat in Western New York. A correspondent of the Rochester Union. writing from Lima, Livington county says:

"The harvest is past, and on the whole the event proves pretty much as anticipated. Straw plenty and bright, berry full, no blight, rust nor weevil, and the weather favorable to the successful sheltering of the entire crop. Many fields upon which the happy owners looked with hope, were confidently relied on for from twenty to twenty-five bashels to the acre. Some of these are already thrashed. and the astonished cultivators have been compelled to find storage and bags for thirty G. P. R. James, the novelist, is about to where only twenty bushels were expected and for forty where thirty only were provided for. And I hear that the same evil has William McKay, a well-known citizen of shown itself in the rve crop, and that the

Letter from Orkney.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. ORKNEY SPRINGS, Aug. 5, 1859 .- This will Mr. Gregory wished to ask that be my last letter this season. We must now prepare for returning home, and once more the Pervuvian government on the but on the straight jacket of business. This of the reduction of the price of gas has been a very pleasant trip, and if our Guano was now an article of so is still in doubt. In the remaining five dis- dottings down have interested your many

readers, we are content. They have big doings here now! Men the instrumentality of the Earl of M dressed in fancy costumes ride hard, with ry a reduction amounting to £1 per spear in hand, for a certain ring suspended from two poles by a wire, and the one who bears away the ring the greatest number of times, is entitled to the selection of a young lady, to be the Queen; and then the crowning, and the grandiloquent speeches, all go 1st Congressional district, is 586-an oppo- to fill up and pass away the hours of the reduction in the price of guano. M "Tournament Day." The number now pre- inglam took up the task with alarm sent on these grounds is variously estimated at from three to five hundred persons. This season so far has been the most successful one Orkney has ever had. It is very amusing to step aside from the various groups, and observe the actions, and listen to the remarks of the neighborhood people, who on Saturdays congregate here, to show the fashions of a by-gone age, and see the fashions of the present. Hundreds of these mountaineers, of simple habits and few wants, look with amazement and wonder at the brilliant ticle. The present was a proper time to displays of our city and lower country folks.

nor, has a majority of about 6,000 in the at Orkney before this season, and hence the guano on hand. People would not greater surprise on the part of the "natives," who some of them look on with mouth and ty was at work to discover an article at a eyes wide open. They forget that their odd er price. He trusted that the game appearance also attracts attention, and thus you have the fashion and accomplishments of price of guano upon the Peruvian govern this century brought in close contact with those of the last, (accomplishments left out.) Do you see that aged couple yonder? They have long buffeted the storms of life together. and to day have donned their holiday attire to visit the springs, and see the sights. Neither have seen a steamboat or railroad car. The man, when a youth, once visited Alexandria with his dad, when once a year they went thither to market, but never since has he been very far from home, save now and then to Court, but not since the cars have that they were not likely to obtain the come has he been down to town. They appear to have on their "wedding fixings;" long swallow tailed and high collared blue, with the plain brass buttons shows as prominent as the large, long, and massive bonnet of his better-half. Of course, there are no hoops worn. Why, young gentlemen of Alexandria, it don't cost as much by 75 per ct., to clothe a wife after this fashion, as the one your belles adopt. Seven yards of calico, at ninepence a yard, makes a dress after this old fashion, and the country merchant generallg throws in the boss, and sometimes the hooks and eyes. Besides, shoes are only worn when at meeting, or on the spring ground, by many. They all save their leath er appendages for cold weather. Some of our city ladies would have been much shocked to have seen a group of these mountain women (on the dismissal of a meeting) sit down, forming a ring, and fill their pipes and fire their tobacco, with a managevering that throws the aborigines of our land far in the back ground. And yet these plain, honest people appear to enjoy life in their way, and none of them show the anxious countenance of Miss Flora McFlimsey, who is constantly saying, she's nothing to wear. "They want but little here below, nor want that little

We have had here a sick stranger. He is the want of good roads, but the forms comes from the South, more than 2,000 miles of a Railroad is in contemplation. away, from the land of the golden orange.-He has been very ill indeed, but is now bet- posits in the neighborhood of the River ter, and we hope will recover. It is astonishing to see the amount of sympathy expressed by the visitors for him and his wife. Even those who have arrived since the beginning of to detail the process of extracting the his illness, and have never seen his face, are anxious for his recovery. His wife, used to very ordinary quality, and to present warm hearted affection in their own southern | and fish. home, appears completely overcome by the

kindness of entire strangers, which after all is but a characteristic of the true Virginian. Well, friends must part. Pleasant little circles must be broken up-trunks packed and strapped—the good-bye given, and away we go to our respective homes, again to assume the cares and anxiety belonging to our the dividing line.) called VALLEY FARM various occupations. This little holiday, taining THIRTY-FIVE ACRES, be the this recreation, the breathing the pure mountain air, and drinking from these medicinal springs, give one such a bracing, that you feel like ploughing straight through, be the market "tight" or "easy;" and hoping the coming fall will be one long to be remembered for its business activity, in all branches of dark chocolate surface, easy to cultivate

# bids you and your subscribers good-bye. M.

nature occurred on the Alleghany Valley Railroad on Wednesday evening. It appears that as the express train was passing a point near White Rock Station, about nine miles this side of Kittanning, it was charged upon by a bull (belonging to a gentleman named Klingensmith, residing in the neighborbood,) and said to be an animal of unusual strength and ferocity. In the collision which which last purpose the valley through who followed, his bovine majesty was crushed almost to a jelly, and his defunct remains carried some distance along the track. The the subscriber having had upon it for two affair, however, did not stop here. The family of from six to seven persons, and that time never had occasion to call in a ph the train, and the locomotive, tender, and four freight cars were thrown off the track. The latter went over an embankment some thirty feet in height, and were reduced almost to a complete wreck. The passenger car, the last in the train, remained on the certain road to and from Market the track, else the consequences would have been far more serious. The locomotive was a good deal used up, and the track damaged for some forty feet, but beyond this nothing serious resulted from the strange occurrence. Pattsburgh Chronicle.

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munications had lately been recei necessity in Ireland that any reducthe price of it would be of the greater fit to the small farmers of that o been made to the English consum was placed on the same footing as the rican. He had, however, been given derstand that a still greater reduction be expected. In July, 1858, the Malmesbury wrote to Mr. Jerningha the President of the Peruyian govern consider the propriety of making a discussion upon the doctrines of policy omy thereupon ensued. The President peared to think that it was better to sell a quantity at a high price, that the Pa bonds might thus be kept up, while Mr ingham endeavored to convince him selling a larger portion at a smaller portion of the bonds might be paid of remainder captalized for the benefit State. In September, 1858, the corredence was still going on, but at that don Peruvian government was not ready a commend a reduction in the price of the the matter upon the notice of the P There never was as much dress and fashion government, as there was a large at present prices, and a great deal of ing would continue to press a reduction

The Peruvian Guano Trade and Ducas

In the House of Commons on the

State for Foreign Affairs whether

Lord John Russell did not know that very late communication had been on this subject. The subject was one portance, and he regretted the coursued by the Peruvian government. lieved that at present there were tons of Peruvian guano in this conthe estimated value of £3,000,000 Peruvian government appeared to be sati to sell a small quantity at a high price there were so many artificial manurprice they demanded. If anything could be done, her Majesty's govern would be prepared to make a fresh rep tation to the Peruvian government. was in the power of that govern withhold the guano from the English a if they thought proper. We find in a late English paper, the

lowing account of a late discovery.

The Earl of Malmesbury, Secreta

State for Foreign Affairs, transmitted Royal Agricultural Society of Englar report of Mr. Morgan, Her Majesty's sul at Bahia, respecting some original sits of guano, (from which nitrate is exted) existing in the province of Bahia. Lords of the Committee of Privy ( for Trade transmitted the three ! samples of the guano referred to, above despatch, and requested to be far with the result of any experiments that be made, with a view to ascertaining value of this substance. Mr. Moreon port states that favorable accounts have given of the samples already sent to La Liverpool and Birmingham. The det exist in beds of limestone, some of the tending over 20 square leagues. The available deposits are found on the real the diamond districts. The chief draw are also other and almost inexhaustible ther extend over a territory of upwar 200 square leagues. The report pri which is used to prepare gunpowder

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